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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1336**  
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Serial No. 10/523,611 : Group Art Unit 1713  
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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 20, 2007, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Thus, the rejection of claims 1-6 and 13-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamago et al. in view of Goto et al. is respectfully traversed.

The heading of the Goto et al. reference indicates that it was published on the web on June 25, 2003. This date is between the filing date of the PCT application (August 8, 2003) on which the present U.S. application is based, and the filing date of Applicants' Japanese priority application (August 8, 2002). Therefore, Applicants can overcome the Goto et al. reference as prior art by obtaining the benefit of their Japanese priority date. For this purpose, a verified English translation of the Japanese priority application (No. 231,917/2002) is enclosed. Applicants note that the Examiner has already acknowledged receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.